

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that the applicant amend his specification. The applicant has done so.

The Examiner has rejected claim under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ross (5,134,726). Ross discloses a protective undergarment that is formed of a thin, stretchable fabric with a plurality of internal pockets and a plurality of protective pads for insertion within the pockets therein. The protective undergarment of Ross is a pair of sports pants. The pair of sport pants includes a trunk and legs. The applicant has amended claim 1 in order to overcome this rejection. The applicant respectfully contends that the protective undergarment of first amended claim 1 is an integral member that covers the arms, upper torso, lower torso and legs of the player so that a player has protection from injuries to his knees, hips, spine, tailbone, ribs, elbows and shoulders, abrasions and internal injuries.

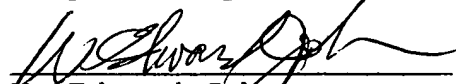
U.S. Patent No. 4,866,789 teaches a protective body suit that includes a body suit formed of a stretchable material that defines a pair of leg openings, a pair of arm openings, and a neck opening. The body suit is sized and shaped to conform snugly to the chest and hips of a user. The material can be either a closely woven or knit material

or an open mesh material. Two resilient side pads are secured to the body suit between the arm openings and the aligned leg openings to protect the sides of the user. Two resilient shoulder pads are secured to the body suit between the neck opening and respective ones of the arm openings to protect the shoulders of the user. At least one resilient back pad is secured to the body suit between the side pads to protect the back of the user. The body suit is effective to hold the pads securely in place against the body of the user during athletic activity. The applicant also respectfully contends that the protective undergarment of first amended claim 1 is an integral member that includes a plurality of internal pockets and a plurality of protective pads. Each protective pad corresponds in shape to one of the internal pockets and is inserted therein

The applicant believes that his application is now in condition for allowance and requests action to that end.

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